(d) whether Government propose to give allocation to Maharashtra on the basis of the present projected population; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (e) Under the present policy of partial control, the monthly allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories, including Maharashtra, is being made on an uniform norm of ensuring 425 gms. per capita availability as per the population figures of 1991 censes with effect from 1.1.1996. However, allocation of levy sugar at higher rates is being allowed to some States/Union Territories due to special circumstances prevailing therein. In the month of December, 1996 an additional 10% levy sugar quota has been allowed to all the States/Union Territories including the State of Maharashtra.

Functioning of Tacs

1707. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tribal Advisory Councils have been duly constituted in each State having Scheduled areas and whether they are actually functioning;

(b) if so, the names of such States;

(c) the mechanism by which the Central Government reviews and monitors and gives guidance to the activities of the TAC; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to see that the meetings of the TACs are regularly held and their decisions properly implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Tribes Advisory Concils (TAC) have been set up in each state having Scheduled Areas, namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. However meetings of the TACs are not being held regularly in many cases.

(c) The Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments in this regard. Issues regarding afficient functioning of TACs are also discussed in high level meetings/conference such as Conference of State Ministers/Secretaries of Tribal Welfare.

(d) The Government has decided to set up a Commission under Art. 339(1) of the Constitution in which one of the terms of reference is to review the functioning of TACs.

Illegal production of items reserved for small scale sector

1708. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to promote small scale sector, a number of items have been reserved exclusively for this sector;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that certain items are being illegally produced by multi-national companies and supplied to certain Government Army Organisations;

(c) if so, whether such organisations procuring illegally produced items will be asked to discontinue this practice forthwith;

(d) whether action will be taken against the companies which are engaged in manufacturing products exclusively reserved for small scale industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?